GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

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PERMISSION FOR COAL MINING
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the companies granted permission for mining including coal alongwith the area forest land in hectares;

(b) the period of permission granted;

(c) the number of proposals pending for approval of the Union Government;

(d) the time by which these proposals are likely to be cleared;

(e) whether National Fuel Research Institute, Dhanbad has given any favourable report on underground coal mining; and

(f) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto in view of the pending proposals?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA):

(a) The details of mining proposals which have been granted approval under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 during the last three years is annexed.

(b) The permission granted under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 is co-terminus with the mining lease.

(c) Twenty-three proposals relating to mining are pending for forestry clearance.

(d) A time limit of sixty days has been prescribed under Forest (Conservation) Rules, 2003 for the Central Government for taking a decision on the complete proposals from the State / UT Governments.

(e) No such report from National Fuel Research Institute has been received.

(f) Does not arise.